

Agreement in Number

Review Subjects and verbs must **agree (be the same) in number**. Use a singular verb with a singular subject and a plural verb with a plural subject. In a verb phrase, the first **helping verb**—often a form of *be*, *have*, or *do*—agrees with the subject. Pay special attention to subject-verb agreement when the verb involves a contraction, such as *doesn't* or *don't*.

Directions: Rewrite the sentences in the space provided to correct errors in subject-verb agreement. If a sentence is correct as it stands, write *C*.

1. From a distance, salamanders seems like small lizards.

2. However, these creatures is really amphibians with short bodies and long tails.

3. A salamander have glands in its skin with a slimy substance inside.

4. When under attack, salamanders oozes this slime.

5. Some salamanders live in water, while others live on land.

6. Still others divides their time between land and water.

7. In very hot weather, salamanders is clever at finding damp places.

8. These creatures has developed with a strong need for water and moisture.

9. If they doesn't have water nearby, they will die.

10. What do salamanders eat? They feeds on insects, worms, snails, and—sometimes— other salamanders!
